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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: GOS PROTESTS VIOLATION OF SWEDISH TERRITORIAL
WATERS BY USS FURER

FOLLOWING SENT SECSTATE WASHDC INFO SECDEF WASHDC FROM
STOCKHOLM 16 JUL 74:

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L STOCKHOLM 3092

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MOPS, SW

SUBJ: GOS PROTESTS VIOLATION OF SWEDISH TERRITORIAL
WATERS BY USS FURER

1. SUMMARY. MFA MADE LOW KEY PROTEST TO EMBASSY TODAY
ALLEGING THAT USS FURER ENTERED SWEDISH TERRITORIAL WATERS
WITHOUT ADVANCE NOTIFICATION JULY 14 OFF SOUTHERN TIP OF
SWEDEN AT SMYGEHUB. END SUMMARY.

2. PROTEST MADE TO EMBASSY TODAY ALLEGED THAT BY TRAVELING
3.5 MILES FROM SWEDISH COASTLINE, WITHIN SWEDEN'S FOUR-MILE
TERRITORIAL WATER LIMITS, USS FURER VIOLATED ARTICLE 4 OF
1966 SWEDISH REGULATIONS ON TERRITORIAL WATERS. THESE
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REQUIRE FOREIGN SHIPS TO NOTIFY IN ADVANCE WHEN THEY ENTER

SWEDISH TERRITORIAL WATERS.

3. PROTEST WAS CONVEYED IN LOW KEY TELEPHONE CALL FROM ACTING FOREIGN MINISTRY NORTH AMERICAN DESK OFFICER BO JOHNSON TO EMBASSY POLITICAL OFFICER. JOHNSON SAID USS FURER ENTERED SWEDISH TERRITORIAL WATERS AT 1019 HOURS JULY 14 AND EXITED AT 1035 HOURS, AT GRID COORDINATES PL 2517 AND PL 2106, OFF SOUTHERN TIP OF SWEDEN AT SMYGEHUK.

4. JOHNSON SAID GOS CONSIDERS THIS A "MINOR BREACH OF SWEDISH REGULATIONS." HE SAID NO FURTHER PROTEST WOULD BE MADE AT ANY LEVEL ON THIS INCIDENT AND NO REPLY IS EXPECTED FROM THE USG.

5. REQUEST DEFENSE DEPARTMENT CHECK WITH FURER AND ADVISE US.

6. COMMENT: I WOULD REGRET THAT THE VIOLATION, IF CONFIRMED, WOULD FURNISH GOS WITH BASIS FOR ASSERTING ITS POSITION ON TERRITORIAL WATERS. STRAUZ-HUPE UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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